

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: HOENES, Joachim

Application No.: 10/559,547

Art Unit: 3735

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Examiner: TOTH, Karen E.

Title: INTEGRATED TEST ELEMENT

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

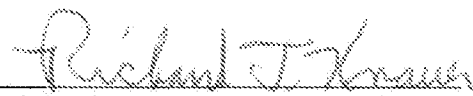
Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 23, 2009, in which an election of species was required between Species A directed to a system with a lancet surrounded by a light-conducting element, and Species B directed to a system with a light-conducting element surrounded by a lancet, Applicants hereby elect Species B. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-8 and 15-24 are generic. However, Applicants believe that claims 13 and 14 are also generic in addition to claims 1-8 and 15-24. Further, claims 11 and 12 encompass the elected Species B in addition to the generic claims 1-8 and 13-24. Accordingly, Applicants believe that in view of the above election of Species B and the above remarks, that claims 1-8 and 11-24 will be subject to examination in the present application.

Applicants have filed a complete response to the outstanding Office Action and respectfully submit that, in view of the above election and remarks, the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve

efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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